

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

CONCLUSION


Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part and claims [the benefit of] priority to U.S. Application No. _____, filed November 19, 2001, entitled "Method And Apparatus for Extraction" [Attorney Docket No. 25961-709]; [which is a continuation-in-part of and claims [the benefit of] U.S. Application Serial No. 09/933,885, filed August 20, 2001; U.S. Application No. 09/935,782, filed August 22, 2001[,]; U.S. Application No. 09/940,188, filed August 27, 2001; U.S. Application No. 09/935,783, filed August 22, 2001; and U.S. Application No. 09/933,888, filed August 20, 2001[,]; which [claim] claims the benefit of one or more of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/226,479, filed August 18, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/227,125, filed August 22, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/227,875, filed August 25, 2000. These applications are herein incorporated by reference.